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and speaking the Truth after-
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To an Impudent Stupid

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*Two Wolves in Lambskins: Or, Old Eli's
Sorrowful Lamentation over his Two
Sons.*

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In a LETTER to Mr. BERNARD LINTOT.

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Mr. Lintot,

THERE is a little People, *Gens inimica mihi*, under whose Displeasure I am unhappily fallen for two unpardonable Crimes, *viz.* That I would not by their Order be *Perjur'd*, and forfeit my Soul; and which most enrages them, that I would not Rebel, and forfeit my Life; that I would not be hang'd for them upon Assurance given me, that in that Period of *Martyrdom*, I should be loaded with a great deal of *Grinning* Honour, and at last cheat the World with a silly Speech of their making, that I might die in their Service as Stupid, as I had Liv'd in it.

Not mov'd by these beauteous Prospects, I determin'd to give my Thoughts another turn, and apply my Self to the Service of our present happy Administration; in order to it, I have endeavour'd to convince the good People of this Land, that solemn Oaths taken *willingly* and *heartily* to King GEORGE, are certainly binding; and not like a Sailor's crooking his Elbow, or an *Highlander's* kissing the

Buke. I have satisfied a good many, that the *Pretender* has no Right by the Laws of this Land, and that the other *Right* he pretends to is so uncertain, that *Grammarians* always place him in the *doubtful Gender*: Here in *Kent* I have gone a pretty Way in convincing my Neighbours, that the Royal and Illustrious House of *Hanover*, consists of Men, Women, and Children, all of them greatly beautiful, and lovely, that they eat, and drink, and say Grace as we do; that their Meat is not serv'd up *Raw* from the Shambles, as the *Jacks* Report; but dress'd as nicely, and as well as Queen *Anne's*; it was a long time I own before I could do this: I brought them to believe it, chiefly, by the Testimony of a good old Gentlewoman, who once was told otherwise, and went up to *Hampton-Court*, on Purpose to see them at Dinner, and came down convinc'd; and has never paid her Parson so well since. I have assur'd them, that the *Pope* is not going to turn *Protestant*, and not at all in love with the Church of *England*, as some pretend.

I have made some Advances in convincing my Acquaintance, that the Court of Inquisition is not quite so good, as our Court of *Chancery* or *Kings-Bench*, that it is not half so cleaver to be hang'd when the King pleases, as it is to dispute that Matter with Twelve good Men and true, at one Elbow, the Laws and Statutes at the other, and a good Judge before your Face: I have perswaded the Farmers here,
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that a Civil War is a great deal worse, than a Match at Cricket; and they believe at last, that a Troop of *French* Horse in a Barn, will do more Mischief, than so many *English* Mice; but this cost me more Pains than any thing else, most of them being Tenants at Will, and under Command from their Landlords to think otherwise, till further Orders.

I have some Triumphs to boast of among the Tea Tables in your Town, which I perceive has touch'd the Enemy in the most *sensible* Part; I have convinc'd some fine Ladies, that *French* Officers, and Soldiers are not Eunuchs, and under no Vow of Chastity, though they are *Papists*; that they would not ask, whose Daughters they were, whether *Whiggs*, or *Tories*, and that their Virtue would be in Danger, from those good Souls, who came to deliver the *Church* out of it.

I satisfied a swinging Fortune of the Faction, that in Times of War and Confusion, there was no Security in Jointures, and Settlements; and, that she could not be so richly mournful in her Widowhood in such Times, as in the Days of Peace and Tranquillity, which made her abate much of her usual Fervour, and she has not been since heard to pity *Sergeant Sullivan*, or handsome Mr. *Gascoign*; these are some collateral Crimes, which inance my original Sin, of refusing to be a stupid prevaricating, perjurd Rebel.

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It seems I have been look'd upon by the People of different Sentiments, to be tolerably alert in this sort of Negotiation, and that their Cause has receiv'd some ugly Impressions from it; it has been thought expedient therefore to erect some Defences against it, there is a good deal of Variety in them, but that which they think will be most effectual, nay *Infallible*, is this, they declare to the World, that I have been a *Tory*, and consequently every Word that I say, now must be a Lie. And their Reasoning will run thus.

If Mr. *Lambe* has been a *Tory*, King *George* has no Right, Oaths to him are not binding, a Civil War is but a Diversion, and the Pope will preserve the Church of *England*, &c.

But Mr. *Lambe* has been a *Tory*.

Ergo, &c.

Greater Arguments they say include the Less; and I perceive it is so with Losses too, the Loss of their Allegiance has stript them of their Logick, which methinks I would remand them to *Oxford* to recover; only I apprehend some fresh Disturbances upon their Arrival in that Place, which I am told at present is in tolerable good Quiet.

This has been their Way of arguing against what I have wrote, in *Coffee-Houses*, and private

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vate Conversation, but I did not think they would ever have made their Reasoning publick, though I knew there was formerly a Motion that way, but I was satisfied that their *Fear* had got the better of their Stupidity, and that the Design was laid aside: Not hearing from them, I did imagine that all was quiet, and intended my self to be so too, and with much indolence retired to my little Living here in *Kent*, where the Fury of the Faction, from the Nature of my Preferments in *London*, which depend upon *voluntary* Contributions, have driven me.

Being in this Posture so little in *London*, and having hang'd no Body, I thought the Merit of *that* only, wou'd have secur'd me from any further Attempts; but to my surprize, there has been transmitted to me a Pamphlet, in which it seems I am greatly concern'd; and my Friend who sends it, tells me it makes a great Noise in Town, and *that he is very sorry for it*; I thank him heartily for his Pain, but in Truth I cannot sympathize, it makes me very merry, as you see by my way of Writing. If I was a splenatick Person, I should fancy my self a Glow-worm; they are resolv'd I shall *shine*, though they have laid me under a *Hedge*.

The Title of this Pamphlet is,

The two Wolves in Lambskins: Or, Old Eli's Lamentation over his two Sons.

To

To my Knowledge the Faction has gone with this Brat Twenty Months, and could not find any one, as I have just hinted, who wou'd dare to Midwife it into the World; but being struck with a pannick upon the Defeat of their new Friends, the *Turks*, for the *Non-believers*, it seems, are mightily concern'd for the *Danger* of the Non-juring Church, it was suddenly brought forth; the Mother being in a Fit, it is lookt upon as a sort of Miscarriage, and in probability will not be long liv'd.

It is something strange, that though she has gone so long with it, it has no *Teeth*; I put my Finger into the Mouth of it, and it does not bite in the least; the *Nails* indeed are well grown, it scratcht me once or twice, which I attribute to the rudeness of its Parent, and shall easily heal the Wound with a little Ink at the end of a Feather.

I cannot but be something Vain, when I consider the *Time* in which this is publish'd, just after Prince *Eugene's* Victory over the *Turks*. Undoubtedly they put me in the Ballance with the *Grand Vizier*; they certainly think if they can destroy me at *Home*, it will be some Abatement of his Loss *Abroad*, and bring the whole, as to Advantage or Disadvantage to the *CAUSE*, to a sort of a drawn Battle. Now if this be true, I am certainly a Person of much greater Importance than I ever suspected, and I shall look for the future to be treated with a proportionate Regard,

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One of them, for sometimes an old Acquaintance will speak to me still, has hinted to me, that this Defeat in *Turkey* will not ruin them yet, because they have very comfortable Expectations from *Poland*; when the Troubles of that Country will admit of it, the best Families of the *Skis*, the *Whiskis*, and *Ownskis*, have promis'd all their Aid: These *Skis*, I suppose, in Confederacy with the late Appearance in our *Skies*, are to do the whole Work at once. Now if they shou'd happen to fail in this chearing Prospect, I look for a *second* Blow, it being determin'd, I perceive, that every Disaster on their part shall obliquely affect me, and make me sharer of their Sufferings.

But being engag'd in defending my self from the *present*, I have not yet thought of the proper Guards against that which is to *come*.

The Design of this Pamphlet is to expose my elder Brother, Dr. *Lambe*, and my self: What relates to him was drawn up by a poor abandon'd Deacon, School-Master, and Curate of *Bow*, where my Brother is Minister; he was remov'd from the Church for open and avow'd Athism, even to disputing in favour of it; and from the School, for Ignorance beyond expression; he had lifted his Hand, in his own Words, so often to his Head, that he forgot that the Name of it in *Latin* was *Manus*. I would enter into the Merits of that Fellow's Complaint, but I am enjoyn'd by my Brother not to do it, in full Assurance that the Case he complains of,

and his Character is so notorious, that he cannot be affected with any Thing so profligate a Wretch can say, or write against; and in Consequence, that it would be too great an Honour to him to take notice of him.

What relates to me was handed to him by a Brother Pedagogue, and to him by the Faction; this Fellow is a Non-juror, who keeps a School in *St. Andrews Holborn*, under the cover of a poor Conforming Clergyman. This Thing is as ignorant as the other; his good Friend teaches his *Latin* Disciples, he himself is not able to decline any Substantive, but *hoc Regnum a Kingdom*, which Knowledge remains with him from his continued Meditations on *Hereditary Right*.

These two ignorant Sons of Birch, with the united Aid of the Jacobite Party, are to destroy the little Interest I have in the World, and to defeat all my sincere Endeavours to do Service to my Rightful and Lawful King, and native Country.

This mighty Work is to be atchiev'd by publishing some Expressions in my former Writings, and in past Conversation with these Men, whom I am not ashamed to profess that I have abandon'd, from the tendency of their Principles, to the unavoidable Ruin of our Liberty and Holy Religion.

These Expressions are taken chiefly out of a Book said to be wrote by me in *Vindication of Dr. Sacheverel*.

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Now, as the E——l of Ox——d says of the *Peace*, in his Answer to the Impeachment of the House of Commons, *I do remember there was such a Thing.*

Some Years since a Clergyman publish'd a very unfair Account of that Gentleman's Life, and Conversation, and it was thought proper at that time to give some Sort of Answer to it.

If I recollect right, in that Season the Heads of our polemical Friends partook *deeply* of their native Clay, their Pens went heavy, very heavy, in the Road of Controversy; and it was determin'd that *this* should be manag'd with an Air of Pleasantry, *they* gave it another Name; and indeed I must own, perceiving a general Incapacity in them to execute what they had projected, in pure Charity to them, I did lend them what they greatly mourn'd for; nay, I gave it them out and out, being *well* assur'd that they never *could* be able to pay me in the same Coin; and here at last, like all Persons that are oblig'd beyond a Capacity of returning, they begin to extenuate the Favour, and fall foul upon the Person to whom they are indebted.

This is the share I had in that Book; and because I once gave them a *Fool's Coat*, which I had by me, in the Day of their *Nakedness*, they expect I should wear one *my Self* for ever in their Service. The Language of the Book was the Language of my Clients; I was a young Pleader, and spoke in exact Conformity to my Brief, which was every Day handed to me:

The Virulency of their Expressions was even *then* shocking; and I receiv'd the *first* Motion to leave them from that Opinion, which was gradually aggravated, and at last completed, by a well grounded Suspicion, that the *Pretender* had more of their Friendship than he had a right to. So that this *silly* People, by publishing these Expressions, have only declar'd to the World, how the Conversation of the Party turn'd in those Days, and what a deal of Reason every wise and honest Man had to depart from them. I look upon this Pamphlet therefore, as a notable Vindication of my self, and do for that Reason acquit the Gentleman who *owes* me a *Vindication*; and no doubt, in Gratitude, is preparing for it, from giving himself any trouble upon that Subject.

But for Arguments sake, suppose that Book to be my *real*, and *particular* Sentiments *only*, and that I was in *Fact* as wild of *my self* as the Man has represented me, may I not recover my Senses? May not Experience convince, and Facts plain as the Sun instruct? May not growth in Years be attended with some increase of Knowledge? I own this is a wrong Way of expostulating with these Men, for I well remember, that the *Cedars* of the Party delighted much in the Number, and the shortness of their Dwarfs; if any of us presum'd to be luxuriant, and emit Branches, we were presently clipt to a *convenient* Size of Understanding: But however, I hope it will have its natural Effect upon other Men.

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I *did*, perhaps, believe the Impeachment of Dr. *Sacheverel* to be an extraordinary Thing; and I did believe Mr. *Bisset's* Book to be *another very* extraordinary Thing; am I therefore, when they call upon me to do it, to tell the People that *Abjuring* the Pretender, was only an Holy Covenant with God to bring him in; for this is the *plain meaning* of their Behaviour with regard to the *Oaths*; and that swearing Allegiance to *King GEORGE*, and his Protestant Successors, was only a pious Obligation to cut his Throat, and Massacre his Family.

Suppose I did believe the Dissenters were not our Friends, and not to be encourag'd by us, am I not to alter my Opinion, when I see them to a *Man* steady, and courageous in the Defence of the *Protestant* Cause, nay of the *Church of England* it self, when so great a part of the Members of it, to say the *least*, put it to a terrible *venture*, and made it in *Danger* with a Witness?

Suppose seven Years since, I might by artful Men be wrought up into an Opinion, that some of those Noble Patriots, who are *now* in Power, were not at all affected to us, nor intended well for us, shall not Futurity convince me? Shall I say it is dark, and cold *now*, because it was so in the Winter, though the *Sun* glares in my Face, and blisters my Skin with its Heat? Shall I not declare them *misrepresented* at that time, when by them, and them *only*, the *Church of England* is preserv'd, the Protestant Interest secur'd,

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cur'd, Tyranny and Popery effectually barr'd out of our Lands? Shall not a Protestant *own* his Obligation, and pray Remission for his *undue* Notions of them *formerly*, when it appears that he owes his very *being* a Protestant to *their* Care? and is assur'd, that if *they* had not help'd us, in a few Years there had not been the *Name* of a Protestant in this Nation, but upon Tomb-stones, and in Books of Martyrs?

Now, it is not enough to tell me, that I am an Apostate, and a Villain; and that I wrote a *Vindication* of Dr. *Sacheverel* when no Body else was *able* to do it; but are these *Facts*, or are they *not*? Are many *Tories* turn'd *Jacobites*, or are they *not*? Do they pay the *same* Regard and Duty to *King GEORGE* as they did to *Queen Anne*? And has not *He* as good a Title to the Crown, and to their Allegiance, as *She* had? And can they give the World any Reason founded upon Principles of *Conscience*, or *St. Paul's Thirteenth to the Romans*, why they do not use them *alike* in the Matter of Obedience and Subjection? The Queen was obey'd and lov'd by them, even while a Whigg Ministry was entertain'd by her; there was, to *my* Knowledge, no *Thought* of the *Pretender* even then, no grumblings of Conscience about his *Hereditary Right*.

King GEORGE now with the *same* Title, and the *same* Ministry, is declared by them an U——r, and on a sudden the whole Nation is to be *darn'd*, if they do not Rebel against him, and Dethrone him, though they allow'd
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us to swear Allegiance to *Him*; and to bind our selves under a *Curse*, if ever we disobey'd him, or assisted the *Pretender* directly, or indirectly, that is, in Word, or in Deed: Now this is *Truth*, whether Mr. *Lambe*, or any one else says it; nay it is *Truth*, though a *Tanners* Mastiff should bark it out in *Southwark*, or a *Wapping* Strumpet sing it in a Stew.

We were all a weary of the National Disputes, the *War in our Hearts* became troublesome, and we were convinc'd of the Danger it expos'd us to, there was a Resolution to come to any Accommodation, and bring Matters to some sort of Amity, and good Will, and this Appetite held till a few Months before the Death of *Queen Anne*; when fresh Apprehensions *possess* the Minds of the Party, and new Measures were immediately concerted; and very favourable Sentiments of the *Pretender* were entertain'd; upon which I withdrew from them, and reduced the *whole* to this short Compass: A Lord was sure to be discarded, a Dean could have no *immediate* Hopes of a Mitre, Sir *Const—ne P—ps*, and the *Mayors* of *Dublin*, could not set their *Horses* together; and a great Part of the Clergy of *England* were to be *interested* in this *stupid* Dispute; a Clergy, that were the Envy and Wonder of *Europe*, were call'd upon to make themselves the Contempt, and Reproach of it; to acknowledge themselves the most paultry, inconsistent, tergiversing Set of Creatures upon Earth; after

ter they had sworn to King *William*, King *James* being actually *alive*; after they had sworn to Queen *Anne*, and abjur'd the *Pretender*; after they had sworn to King *GEORGE*, and abjur'd the *Pretender* again; every Man was to offer his Hecatomb, and cry out, *εὐγενε*; he had discover'd the Error he had been in so long, and to buckle on the Weapons of Rebellion, to make Atonement for his former Sin, and every one of the Order that refus'd it, to be traduc'd, as a Villain, and an Apostate, and a Confederacy to be form'd to ruin his Character, and Beggar his Family; and all this for the sake of a few Men, whose *Lives*, laid in the Ballance with our Liberty and Religion, were not worth a Button, whose Services never did, nor never could advantage the Church to the Value of a Bell-rope.

This is the Case between us, and let the World judge, whether a Man, even of the *lowest* Size of Understanding, who had no Design but to judge Right, and behave accordingly, could ever be brought to acquiesce in such wretched Inconsistencies, such apparent Contradictions as these are, or whether his former Writings, and Conversation, in which nothing of our present Disputes had the least Part, the *Pretender* not being so much as mention'd in them, can be urg'd against him, and bear him down, and confute all that he can say upon the *present* Subject of our Contention, or destroy all that

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that he can do for the Service of the Government now in being.

That Book that I am so often call'd upon to Answer for, as I have told you before, is their *own*, let it belong to whom it will, the Dispute *there* has no Relation to *these* Things, in which, we *now* differ, and contend about, the Controversie is intirely *new*; and this greater, *Whether you will be a Papist or a Protestant*, swallows up the *less*, and can have no Respect or Relation to it; what was said or done, when the Nation was wild and frantick, and the Intreagues of cunning Men *undiscover'd*, will make its own way to Favour, and find it from fair and equal Judges, especially when proper Atonements are made, and there is a suitable Behaviour in order to it.

There is a Part of that Book which I suffer'd my self to Transcribe, which has given me more uneasiness than any Thing else in it; in this Part of it, some of the Clergy of *London* are us'd in a very unhandsome, insolent Manner: They, who, as it appears plainly, are the truest, by far the truest Friends to our Church and State, are represented as Enemies to them both, and bent upon the Destruction of them: The share that I had in this, I have greatly lamented in Private, and make this publick Acknowledgment of that unaccountable Rudeness, and contempt of learned and good Men, in every thing, vastly Superior to me; and sure the Hand that

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writes this will wither, *if there is not sincerity of Heart in company* with it.

Though I have swell'd this Letter farther than I intended, and have done more Honour to that stupid Attempt upon me, than I design'd at first setting out, yet I cannot leave it, 'till I have added something more to the Bulk of it, by Addressing my self to the Younger Clergy of the Church of *England*.

You see, Brethren, what you are to expect, that have list'd your selves under this abominable Banner, all your former Services, Friendships, and Endearments are nothing, if you presume at *last* to have the use of your Senses; if Conscience has the *Impudence* to stir, and remind you of your Duty; if you refuse to run all their Lengths, even that *worst* of Lengths, to the *end* of an Halter: All your former Conversation is betray'd, they throw you out to the World with all the Marks of Infamy, and Reproach they can stick upon you, and pursue you if they can to Beggary and Ruin; methinks, this should be Provocation enough to alienate the Heart of every one from them, though never so much affected with them, and endear'd to them formerly; for depend upon it, there is not one Jot of Conscience on their Part, it is all Cant, Delusion, and Imposture. Ambition and Revenge, are foremost in their Thoughts, Words, and Actions, they sit easie, and bear no Part themselves in the pursuit

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suit of their *own* Ends, they put *you*, *experto credite*, upon the Management of the Means of *their* Exaltation, and Happiness, without the least Concern for your Abasement or Distress.

Thus, Mr. *Lintot*, I have sent you my thoughts of this Book, I was willing to do it once for all, and I think I am resolv'd, that no *Personal* Affronts shall any more call me into the Lists with them; if they will argue with me against the Facts I charge them with, I am ready, and not in the least afraid; but if what they publish is *Personal*, and put into the Hands of Atheists and Madmen, or without a Name of the Author; I will sit indolent as Sleep, insensible as Non-existence, and shew not the least Regard to it.

I desire you would immediately put this into the Press, and take care of Correcting it, for at this Distance I cannot have a Part in it, let it be done in as Cheap a manner as possible, and hawk'd in the Publick Streets; if it brings Advantage to you, and satisfies the World in any Degree, I have the two Ends for which I wrote it,

And am yours in all Service,

Trosseley in Kent,
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